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SUBJECT: JULY 2 BICENTENNIAL EVENT

1. THE STATE OF BAVARIA IS PLANNING TO HOLD ITS MAJOR, OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL ON JULY 2ND AT THE "NATIONAL THEATRE", THE OPERA HOUSE, IN MUNICH, BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF SOME 2,000 INVITED GUESTS.

2. THE AMBASSADOR HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO ATTEND FROM BAVARIA'S MINISTER-PRESIDENT, DR. ALFONS GOPPEL, WHO, ALONG WITH THE AMBASSADOR, WILL DELIVER SHORT REMARKS LEADING UP TO THE MAIN SPEAKER.

3. MINISTER-PRESIDENT GOPPEL HAS ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO ASCERTAIN THE WILLINGNESS AND AVAILABILITY OF MR. JOHN H. MCCLOY, THE FIRST HIGH COMMISSIONER TO GERMANY, TO DELIVER THE MAIN ADDRESS.

4. SINCE THE EVENT WILL BE ESSENTIALLY A FESTIVE ONE, MAIN SPEECH WOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 20 MINUTES. ONE SUGGESTED THEME IS "GERMAN-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE", A REVIEW, UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE "BICENTENNIAL" OF GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON POST WW II PERIOD, LEADING TO THE PRESENT CLOSE PARTNERSHIP AND A PROJECTION OF THE FUTURE OF
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THAT PARTNERSHIP.

5. ADDRESSES WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY AMERICAN FOLK DANCING OR MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS. THE U.S. ARMY PLANS TO HAVE ONE OF ITS BEST BANDS AVAILABLE.

6. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE CEREMONIES, THERE WOULD BE A RECEPTION FOR THE PRINCIPAL GUESTS, FOLLOWED BY A DINNER FOR THE HONORED GUESTS.

7. ABOVE IS THE BASIC PLAN, AS OF THIS TIME.

8. AMBASSADOR AND PAO REQUEST DEPARTMENT/AGENCY CONVEY THE GREETINGS OF MINISTER PRESIDENT GOPPEL TO MR. MCCLOY, AND ASK HIM TO CONSIDER INVITATION TO ATTEND, AS THE GUEST OF LAND BAYERN. THE LAND WLL PAY MR. MCCLOY'S TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

9. MINISTER PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT IT WILL NOT CONSIDER ALTERNATES UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED ABOUT MR. MCCLOY'S AVAILABILITY.
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